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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED REFTTEL WITH CHALMERS, BRITISH EMBASSY ECONOMIC-COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR, WHO REPORTED THAT THEY HAD INITIATED NO STEPS IN RECENT MONTHS. HE INDICATED THAT ALTHOUGH BRITISH EMBASSY INTEREST WAS ONGOING MATTER, ACTION RESULTED LARGELY DURING VISITS TO TEHRAN OF FORMER AMBASSADOR (AND AUTHOR) SIR ROGER STEVENS. STEVENS TOOK UP MATTER SOME MONTHS BACK WITH THEN-PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA (NOW COURT MINISTER) WHO APPARENTLY GAVE SOME REASON FOR ENCOURAGEMENT.

2. IN OPINION OF CHALMERS, ONLY APPROACH AT HOVEYDA OR EQUIVALENT LEVEL LIKELY TO BE PRODUCTIVE. WHEN QUERIED CONCERNING POSSIBLE JOINT ACTION OR COORDINATED APPROACH HE SUGGESTED WAITING UNTIL STEVENS AGAIN IN TEHRAN TO DISCUSS STATUS AND PROSPECTS AND PROMISED TO GIVE US ADVANCE WARNING CONCERNING SUCH A VISIT.

3. IN PASSING, CHALMERS NOTED HIS BELIEF THAT PROBLEM FOR BRITISH PUBLISHERS WAS DIMINISHING DUE TO TREND TOWARD HIGHER PUBLICATION COSTS IN IRAN. MOST
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DISADVANTAGED HE REPORTED WERE PUBLISHERS OF MEDICAL AND TECHNICAL TEXTS.
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